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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

24 February 1949

Chief, FBIB

Report for Period 16-31 January 1949

1. Reference is made to memorandum to Chief, FBIB from Chief, Okinawa Bureau dated 31 January 1949, covering the activities of your bureau for the period 16-31 January 1949.

2. The contents of your memorandum have been noted and comments, where necessary, are listed below:

a. All possible effort will be made by the Washington Office to ascertain that materials and supplies for the Okinawa Project are delivered rapidly and in good order. You should notify us immediately when discrepancies or unusual delays are noted.

b. This office will render all necessary aid and assistance in securing proper unloading, care, and storage of equipment intended for your bureau. However, we can do little except support your recommendations. All difficulties insofar as possible should be overcome on the site, but we will back you up with whatever is necessary.

c. Standard policy within the Agency requires that all personnel, including natives, on permanent Agency payrolls sign an Oath of Office. This should be effected by your bureau unless it is contrary to Ryoom policy. In the event that Ryoom policy prohibits natives signing an Oath of Office you should outline your recommendations for an alternate procedure and forward to this office at the earliest practicable date. Signing of an Oath of Office by temporary employees or those performing custodial or labor duties, and not on permanent rolls, is not believed necessary.

d. In your next report please advise this office what duties the two native Category II employees described by you perform or have performed. Also furnish information as to salaries paid and what method of payment was employed.

e. This office does not believe it practicable to request the aid of BSC in recruiting for its Okinawa Bureau.

f. Inasmuch as clearance procedures on Cyprus are entirely different from those to be employed on Okinawa, a description

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of plans for native clearances would not be of much help to you. Basically your problem is to secure local clearance or acceptance of the individual by local authorities. After such clearance the employee may be entered on duty. Each case will subsequently be checked by security office of the Agency, but will, in most cases, be approved by CIA if previously cleared by local Army authorities.

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